When schools flourish, **EVERYTHING** flourishes.

Martin Luther
With each of its affiliated communities (38 as of December, 2015) Bright Futures USA works to build grassroots capacity and leadership to meet children’s needs.

The goal is to tap the resources of **time, talent, and treasure** that are unique to each community.
Bright Futures Framework

Communities
- Service Learning: Teaching kids to give back
- Synergy: Working together for change
- Capacity Building: Creating a sustainable program

Schools
- Employees
- Leaders
- Neighbors
- Time
- Talent
- Treasure

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**Definition:** The interaction of elements that when combined produce a total effect that is greater than the sum of the individual elements.

Sulfur + Charcoal + Saltpeter = Gunpowder
Synergy

Time + Talent + Treasure = Explosive Engagement

- Human Service Agencies
- Businesses
- Faith Community
- Parents
The 3 Components of the Framework

1. Create communication and resource structures to **meet any child's basic needs** within 24 hours.

2. **Build community capacity** to improve problem solving capabilities to address the greater challenges faced by today's youth.

3. Provide **service-learning** opportunities to provide students and teachers curriculum-based, hands-on service experiences to grow generations of service-minded citizens.
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Social Media
Help!! We have a high school girl in need of a nice outfit suitable for interviews. She is on her own and working hard towards graduation and finding employment. She will need a size L or XL blouse and dress pants in size 13. She also needs a pair of nice shoes to match because as we all know, shoes always make the outfit! If you can help in any way, please contact Darla Armstrong at darmstrong@joplin.k12.mo.us or by calling 625-5200 ext. 2339.

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Bright Futures Joplin Our wonderful community came through again! This need has been filled with 2 outfits and a pair of shoes. Thank you all so much for your willingness to help our students.
September 12 at 1:19pm · Like · 6

Geneia Morgan So glad to know our community cares and is willing to step up!
September 12 at 5:07pm via mobile · Like · 1
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• Emergency Needs Beyond the Ability of the Community to Respond Rapidly

• Gap Funding
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Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

Helen Keller
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